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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 25 as follows:

When a food item 22 is to be removed from the automated freezer 20, an input 40 sends a signal to a control 42. The control 42 sends a signal to a motor 44, raising a platform 46 under the food items 22. The food items 22 move upwardly through the cartridge 30 and through the buffer 34. When a sensor 48 senses the food item 22 is proximate to an opening 50 in the automated freezer 20, a motor 52 pivots an arm 54 about a pivot 56 to slide the food item 22 out of the opening 50. The arm 54 then returns to the rest position. In one example, the food item 22 exiting the automated freezer 20 enters an automated grill 21 for cooking the food item 22.